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1. In mid-January 1953, work on clearing away rubble began on the grounds of the former Junkers plant in Dessau. The first hall of the new plant there is allegedly to be constructed by 1 April 1953. In late December 1952 and early January 1953, an unspecified number of persons were evacuated from their homes in Dessau. The empty dwellings are to be renovated and placed at the disposal of returning Junkers specialists.
2. The VIB Landmaschinen plant (formerly Rudolf Sack) in Leipzig-Plagwitz, Karl-Heine Strasse 90, has been ordered to begin production-line manufacture of aircraft engines in 1953. For this purpose a chemical-technical laboratory has been established at the plant. The factory has at its disposal foundry equipment for gray iron castings, steel castings, nonferrous metals and pig iron.
3. In December 1952, a double and single-band bridge for the production of bunkers with vents (Doppel- und Einbandbruecke fuer Schlitzbunkerherstellung) was being constructed in the iron and rolling mill plant of Eisenwerke West, Calbe. The project was to be completed by the end of January 1953. Beginning in February 1953, the amount of crude steel to be processed at the plant will be doubled. All the processed steel is to be used for war production. Besides the bunkers, the plant has been ordered to produce tank plate. Crude steel is supplied by Stahl- und Walzwerk Hennigsdorf. Exact planned production figures are not known.
4. The steel-casting foundry in Chemnitz, formerly Krautheln, received an order from SAG Marten for 1,200 metric tons of armored cupolas (Panzerkuppeln) for bunkers. The order is to be completed by 5 August 1953.

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- 1/ ☐ Comment. Available reference works list the former Rudolf Sack firm as VVB LBH Bodenbearbeitungsgeraete.

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- 2/ ☐ Comment. ☐ refers to the former "Krautheln Werk," Chemnitz, under the administration of SAG Marten; it is at present called Stahl- und Eisenwerke Chemnitz.

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